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11. (C) Assistant Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Political Director Yves Brodeur confirmed to DCM on October 14 that the Canadian Ambassador in Bangkok had on October 6 made a demarche supporting the extradition of Viktor Bout to the Thai Ministry of Justice's Permanent Secretary. The Ambassador underscored that the demarche was upon the explicit instruction of the Government of Canada, to which this case was also important, as well as to the U.S. and to the international community. The Ambassador told the Permanent Secretary that a successful extradition for prosecution would be an important step in the fight against terrorist organizations worldwide. The Thai response was only to agree to study the Canadian demarche, which the Ambassador will also deliver to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, according to ADM Brodeur.

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